

Security forces airman boxes way to top

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KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Eleven warriors, including a Kunsan airman, fought their way to titles during the 2001 Air Force Boxing Championships at the Bennett Fitness Center here.

“Three boxers really impressed me tonight, but especially Bobby DeLeon,” said Air Force boxing coach Osmar Alaniz. “He looked terrific.”

DeLeon, assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron, needed all four two-minute rounds to dispatch Albert Villarruel, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., in the bantamweight division. The south-paw attributed his win to his height and reach advantage.

“My one punches weren’t doing too well, but when I threw my combinations, they were landing,” DeLeon said. “That was definitely the difference in the fight ... the combinations.”

Another boxer drawing Alaniz’ attention was James Dubois, Misawa Air Base, Japan, in the featherweight division.

“Dubois was really an outstanding boxer,” Alaniz said. “He showed a lot of finesse. That was a very close bout, but it went to Dubois because he had the better style.”

Dubois and Navy’s Jason Fields, from Kelly AFB, locked horns in a real crowd pleaser that saw both fighters unleash a full arsenal of jabs, hooks and combinations.

By the third round, blood trickled from Dubois’ nose courtesy of Fields’ left jabs. Dubois stood his ground, however, connecting with enough crisp combinations and right hooks to Fields’ head to win.

Defending light heavyweight champion Joseph Pastorello, from Peterson AFB, Colo., retained his title by delivering solid punches to his opponent’s body and head for a standing eight count in the third round, and an end to the bout 50 seconds into the fourth.

Alaniz expressed his delight for Pastorello’s performance.

“He’s mentally ready and the confidence he’s showing is really terrific,” said Alaniz. “I also like what he did switching from left to right. That was good.”

Alaniz expressed his disappointment over the lightweight division bout, saying he anticipated a better performance than was provided by one of his more seasoned veterans.

“[Ellis] Johnson, for having the experience he has, should have shown more than what he did,” said Alaniz. Johnson, Andrews AFB, Md., defeated Michael Mead, Offutt AFB, Neb., in a lackluster

performance.

Alaniz was also disappointed with the middleweight bout.

“The middleweight bout consisted of just too much running around,” said Alaniz. “I didn’t like that. Losing time ... that’s all it was.”

Kevin Leggett, from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, defeated Shane Cronley, Yokota AB, Japan, for the middleweight crown.

Other finals results included:

Flyweight — Alexis Ramos, Kelly Boxing Club, def. Brian Nidoy, Nellis AFB, Nev.

Light Welterweight — Robert Luna, Kelly Boxing Club, def. Antonio Tamayo, Kelly AFB.

Welterweight — John Askew, Dover AFB, Del., def. Duane Vandross, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Light Middleweight — Jorge Hernandez, Buckley AFB, Colo., def. James Goodman, Hurlburt Field.

Heavyweight — Sammy Curbelo, Holloman AFB, N.M., def. Derrick Grant, Altus AFB, Okla.

Super Heavyweight — Richard Cheek, Ellsworth AFB, S.D., def. Tom Jones, Kelly Boxing Club.

Next up is the Armed Forces Championships in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Saturday to today, and the National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo., March 8 to 17.

Kunsan
Basketball
Standings



National League

Teams	W	L
35 FS	6	1
MSS	6	2
AMMO	4	2
FIREDAWGS	4	3
CS	3	4
TRANS	2	5
OSS	1	5
80 FS	1	5

American League

Teams	W	L
SFS	8	1
MXS	6	4
MDG	5	3
ARMY	4	3
SUPS	3	6
SVS	2	5
CES	1	7

Game Results

Feb. 7

SVS def. SUPS Forfeit
MDG def. MXS 64-46
SFS def. Army 58-46

Feb. 6

80th def. CS 56-50
MSS def. TRANS 48-29

Feb. 5

MDG def. CES 51-43
ARMY def. SUPS Forfeit
SFS def. MXS 69-54

Feb. 1

FIREDAWGS def. AMMO 65-57
MSS def. OSS forfeit
CS def. TRANS 53-38

Jan. 31

ARMY def. SVS 60-34
SFS def. CES 40-35
MXS def. SUPS 72-58

Jan. 30

MSS def. FIREDAWGS 61-53
CS def. 80FS 36-35

Jan. 29

SUPS def. CES 52-44
SFS def. MDG 59-41
ARMY def. MDG 54-48

Jan. 18

CS def. FIREDAWGS 66-54
AMMO def. 35FS by forfeit
TRANS def. 80FS 46-40

Jan. 10

SFS def. SUPS 52-35
ARMY def. CES 44-39
MXS def. SVS 47-41

Jan. 9

Fire Dept. def. TRANS 53-42
35 FS def. MSS 58-51

Jan. 8

MXS def. CES 43-42
SFS def. SVS 47-32
ARMY def. MDG 54-48

Jan. 4

AMMO def. TRANS 52-30
35 FS def. OSS 56-46
MSS def. CS 51-50

Jan. 3

SUPS def. SVS 55-47
MXS def. MDG 57-45
SFS def. ARMY 53-52

Comin’ at ya

The Kunsan Rodeo Team’s Mike Parsons, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, hangs on for a ride earning third place at the Hanwoo Bull Show Rodeo at Camp Humphreys Saturday and Sunday. The Wolf Pack’s Marvin Bettag, and Julio-Caceres-Hernandez, 8th Maintenance Squadron, placed second and fourth respectively and Jason Wilson, 8th Communications Squadron, took fifth place in the bull riding competition

The Wolf Pack competed against rodeo teams from Osan Air Base, Camp Humphreys and Camp Casey. The Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo was a Republic of Korea Rodeo Circuit event. The team rides again in the Presidents Day Stampede at Camp Humphreys Feb. 17-19. For information about the Team and upcoming rodeos, check-out the team’s Web site at www.communities.msn.com/PAFRAKunsanAB.



Photo by Chricken Weeks, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron

Sports Briefs

Presidents Day run

The sports and fitness center sponsors a Presidents Day 5-km run Feb. 17 at 8 a.m. at the track. Sign up until the day of the race.

Yoga fit

The sports and fitness center offers a yoga fit class Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.
For more information call 782-4026.

Tai Chi

The sports and fitness center offers a Tai Chi class on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

For more information call 782-4026.

3-on-3 tournament

There will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at the sports and fitness center. Teams need to be signed up by Feb. 16.

Bench press competition

A bench press competition will be held at the sports and fitness center Feb. 17 at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are also needed to spot and judge competitors.

For more information call 782-4026.